

'Saw III' is now in theaters. See B5 for full review of the gory, horror flick.

Winter got you singing the blues? See B6 to learn how Seasonal Affective Disorder affects people this time of year.

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Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Annex.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
The third Tuesday of every month a cancer support group is held at Laura Street Baptist Church. Call 582-8874 for more information.

GRAND AFFAIR
St. Francis Auxiliary hosts its annual Craft Bazaar and Bakesale 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 29; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 30; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 1.

TODAY
Tri-Sigma's "Speak Out for Stephanie" 7 to 9 p.m. in the Martindale Gymnasium.

Food court buffet.

FRIDAY
Fourth scheduled Aladine installment credited.

Northwest Dance Company fall show, 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

SATURDAY
Northwest Jazz Ensemble, 5 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theater.

SUNDAY
Wesley Center Thanksgiving dinner, 6 p.m.

MONDAY
Studio Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Charles Johnson Theater.

TUESDAY
Student payday. Pick up checks on the first floor of the Administration Building at the Student Services Desk.

Thanksgiving vacation begins, 5 p.m. Residence halls close 6 p.m.

HEARTLAND VIEW
The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

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Visit the web for:

See our online edition to view a slideshow of "Food Factor" which was held in The Station. The event, hosted by Residence Hall Association, dared students to down disgusting combinations of food and awards were given to those who didn't vomit.

-MIDTERM ELECTION

Democrats take Congress

Evan Young
University Editor

It was a victory 12 years in the making. The Democratic Party came out of the 2006 Midterm elections triumphant, winning control of both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Democrats took 229 seats in the House and 51 in the Senate. Republicans took the remaining 196 and 49 seats, respectively.

"It's time for a change," said Senate majority leader hopeful Harry Reid (D-Nev.), during a post-election Capitol Hill celebration.

The election represented more of a change of political ideology than of political

parties in Congress, according to Richard Frucht, professor and chair of the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department at Northwest.

"The Democrats have gone more toward the middle and the Republicans have lost their middle because most voters see themselves as being in the middle of the political spectrum," Frucht said, referring to the election of more politically moderate, rather than liberal, Democrats to Congress.

Frucht said despite losing majority control, Republicans still maintain some legislative power. President Bush can veto any Democratic legislation that arrives on his desk, and there are enough Republicans in either house of Congress to prevent a veto

override.

While a Democratic House victory became clear before Election Day ended, the fight for the Senate continued into the following day, with the Virginia race still undecided. However, last Thursday, George Allen (R-Va.) conceded defeat to Democratic opponent James Webb by roughly 9,000 votes.

Though Allen could have legally requested a recount because the race was so close, senior Republican officials advised him to concede. Allen decided not to keep fellow Virginians and Americans waiting until possibly December for a recount that would not be in his favor.

Bush said he takes responsibility for

his party's losses on Election Day, and following Allen's concession, he met with top Democrat lawmakers at the White House, promising bipartisan cooperation to "solve common problems."

One of those problems—the one that, according to national exit polls, almost single-handedly delivered Democrats a victory—is the future of the Iraq War.

Exit polls showed 57 percent of voters, nearly six in 10 people, disapproved of the war, while 41 percent approved.

Bush said he is open to suggestions from Democrats on how the United States can best achieve its goals in Iraq.

see CONGRESS on A6

Quest for a cure



Tonya Arndt listens to directions for an upcoming paper during Wayne Chandler's composition class Wednesday. Arndt is in the process of applying for an operation in Portugal which may allow her to walk again and involves the use of stem cells from her nose.

Sophomore hopes to travel for surgery

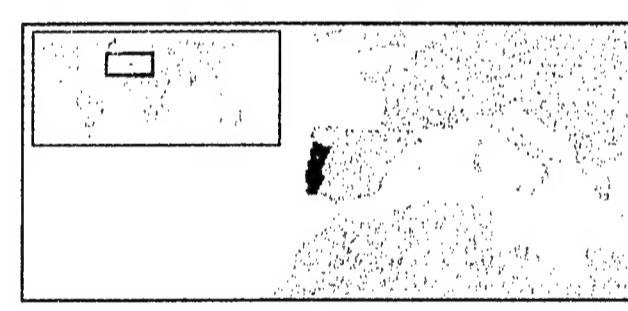
Whitney Keyes
Missourian Reporter

Tonya Arndt is taking the bull by the horns.

She's not waiting for the research to be done. While the stem cell debate is being argued and discussed, she's out finding possible surgeries and cures.

And Arndt, who is paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, found one. Currently, she is in the process of applying for a stem cell surgery in Portugal that could seriously change her life.

see QUEST on A6



Tonya Arndt is applying for stem cell surgery in Portugal where they will take stem cells from her nose to repair damaged cells in her spine. Arndt has been wheelchair bound since an automobile accident in 2004.

photo courtesy of wikipedia.com

-MINIMUM WAGE

University prepares for wage increase

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

Starting Jan. 1, 2007, Northwest students employed by the University will see a few extra dollars in their pockets.

Proposition B passed Nov. 7 raising Missouri's minimum from \$5.15 to \$6.50 an hour.

Paula McLain, student employment coordinator, said the increase affects any department that hires students. She also said around 900 students work on campus with 40 percent making minimum wage.

The proposition sparked several departments to prepare for the increase by e-mailing each other ideas of how the increase will affect them and holding a meeting in October.

President Dean Hubbard said no student jobs or hours will be cut because of the increase.

Ray Courier, vice president of finance and student support services, said the predicted annual cost increase is \$450,000. The money, coming from reserves, will be used to help finish out the University's fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2007.

There are 20 different pay rates on campus, Courier said, and each pay rate will increase a \$1.35. He said the decision to raise the pay rates was decided at the October meeting.

The money for the increase could also come from cutting some of the budgets throughout the University who already work under budget, Hubbard said.

Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said he could see the wage increase affecting financial aid, allowing more money for financial reward.

As for tuition increasing, Hubbard said the University is committed to holding tuition as low as possible. However, Courier said it is likely tuition will increase every year. He said minimum wage will probably play a role in tuition raising.

McLain, Hubbard and Courier said the University will be ready for the increase by January. However, Morley said he could see the University scrambling in the spring to make payroll.

-VETERANS DAY

Soldiers sacrifice time, school for country

Marcus Meade, Jessica Schmidt
Missourian Reporter, Managing Editor

Freedom isn't free. People pay the price in time, in wounds and in life.

Veterans Day is a time to pay homage to those who have paid the price.

Wars have cost the United States over 1 million lives, according to CNN.com. But, while casualties are often thought of as the largest price, those who live sacrifice as well.

Along with the price of serving far from home, Richard Frucht, professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science, said that psychological issues stemming from service in war are a burden for many soldiers as well.

"Psychological, that's a big one. That psychological damage can be in the form of

watching a friend die or fear but also taking some else's life," Frucht said.

Nineteen to 21 percent of troops who make it home show symptoms of "post-traumatic stress disorder, depression or anxiety," according to the American Forces Press Service.

Jack Willhoit paid while staying in the United States. He served in the Army, spending 18 months away from home from 1945 to late 1946, typing encoded messages.

Willhoit never saw action overseas. Entering the Army at the tail end of WWII, he was originally slated for overseas duty but was reassigned to stateside work instead.

"Some soldiers weren't as lucky. Northwest student Brandon Schuster,

21, returned in Fall 2005 from a seven-month tour in Iraq. Schuster serves as a lance corporal in the Marine Reserve in the 24th Marine Regiment out of Kansas City.

Stationed in Ramadi, Iraq, Schuster's unit cross-trained as military police and worked on convoy security. He said they escorted securities for the Iraqi army, vehicles, troops, supplies, civilians, contractors and doctors. The unit also cleared routes and searched for roadside bombs and explosives.

Schuster said overall he was treated well overseas, despite some cultural and language barriers.

"They're (Iraqi citizens) not fighting us—they're just trying to live their life,"

see SOLDIERS on A6



Veterans gather for the World War I memorial dedication Friday. A 21-gun salute concluded the ceremony.

CAMPUSBRIEFS

Dance company presents 'Entangled Emotions'

The Northwest Dance Company will present its program, "Entangled Emotions," at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$5 and are only available at the door.

ISA hosts annual dinner 'Namaste: a prelude to India'

The Northwest Indian Student Association will hold its annual dinner, "Namaste: a prelude to India," from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the JW Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The event will feature authentic Indian food, music and apparel. Tickets are \$5 for ISA members, \$10 for students and \$12 for faculty and the public. They may be purchased from any ISA member, the Intercultural International Center on the Union's second floor or from Student Services on the Administration Building's first floor.

For more information, e-mail the IIC at iic@nwmissouri.edu.

'Mr. Northwest' to benefit the Special Olympics

Alpha Sigma Alpha's "Mr. Northwest" contest will take place at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Proceeds from the competition, themed "It's Raining Men," benefit the Special Olympics. Tickets will be sold at the door, and are \$2 with the donation of a canned food item and \$3 without.

Speakers to look at mental health

Tara Atkins
Features Editor

he or she is suicidal and tells a friend, that friend will most likely keep it a secret, said Jackie Kibler, assistant professor of psychology, sociology and counseling department.

Szabo hopes to empower students to seek help or provide assistance for their friends to seek help through light humor and personal insights.

"Many would be surprised by the number of those who come in for mental health issues on a daily basis," Kersten White, campus counselor, said. "It's important to be aware because it is a common thing and nothing to be afraid to talk about."

The guest speaker is part of the mental health campaign under the suicide prevention grant Northwest received last year for \$45,000 per year for three years.

The grant's purpose is to educate and raise awareness of mental health through training faculty, staff, resident assistants and the Greek community about warning signs of suicide and how to respond.

"We all need some level of help just to get by and it is crucial we open up and talk about these serious issues," Murr said.

Greeks head campaign

Angela Smith
Missourian Reporter

For five hours students gripped their pens and wrote until their hands cramped and knuckles turned blue, but for good reason.

Northwest's Greek Life sponsored the St. Jude "Up 'til Dawn" fundraiser in order to raise money and awareness for St. Jude Children's Hospital. On Nov. 13, students created teams and wrote letters to our teams to raise \$750, but we would love to exceed that in any way."

The letter campaign was just one of many other small fundraisers that will be held throughout the next few months. All of it will lead up to the finale on March 9, 2007, with the Stay Up 'til Dawn campaign. There

Language Club, Jenny Harrison, said she and other members of her organization got involved because of personal reasons.

"We wanted to really help with the 'Up 'til Dawn' fundraiser because our advisor's daughter goes to St. Jude every once in awhile," Harrison said. "We're trying to get each of our people to raise \$750, but we would love to exceed that in any way."

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students will be locked in from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to celebrate their fundraising success.

"We stay awake for the kids' sake in honor of the children and parents who have to stay awake for the kids who are receiving chemo treatments," Petree said.

Petree said there is no specific goal on how much they expect to raise. Those wishing to donate can contact Northwest's Greek Life at 562-1226 or visit www.sjude.org.

Co-vice president of the Sigma

Students invited to participate in SAC

Council wants help deciding how fee should be spent

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

They have brought Chris Cagle and Switchfoot to campus, but not many people know who they are.

The Student Activities Council is a group on campus that decides how the activity fee will be spent.

In the fall of 2005 a \$35 activity fee was placed on the bills of undergraduates taking more than six credit hours as well as full-time graduate students.

Students enrolled at Northwest for dual credit, those taking online classes, or classes off-campus are not charged.

Students are encouraged to get to know them and what they do because it is the students' money paying for the activities SAC puts on.

As people, we have layers to help us keep people at a distance. As the characters in the play discovered ways of connecting, they let go of their layers," Petefish-Schrag said.

The Whitney family attended the performance-based on the recommendation of their son's piano teacher.

They were told that the show was wonderful to watch and the music was beautiful, according to Whitney.

Petefish-Schrag is happy she had the opportunity to direct a musical at Northwest.

"It was a great experience. There is a constant reality that you love the show while it's going on, but it is also nice to be done and thinking about the next show," Petefish-Schrag said.

Petefish-Schrag's next chance to direct a show is in March with "The Glass Menagerie."

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—OUR VIEW

Media attention shifts to celebs

The 2006 Midterm elections contained big-name races: McCaskill vs. Talent, Webb vs. Allen, Spears vs. Federline...

Yes, folks, you read that last one right—perhaps the biggest battle of them all. At least, we were made to think so by the blaring “breaking news” coverage found on a number of news organizations’ Web sites Election Day afternoon.

In what became one of the most important elections of the decade, one that resulted in the Democrats winning a 12-year political “tug of war” over the Republicans, news organizations such as CNN and Fox News were bitten by the “infotainment” bug.

Placed above all election coverage just hours before the first polls closed, “Britney Spears divorcing” and similar banners filled spaces normally reserved for bigger, perhaps more pertinent headlines such as, “Bin Laden killed in missile strike” or “U.S. forces to leave Iraq by January.”

The blitz continued into the next day. Even as Democrats were celebrating the departure of embattled Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, one could still find stories regarding the controversial celebrity couple’s split on news homepages across the Web. It was an uncalled for interruption of top-notch online election coverage.

Internet journalism has effectively surpassed other media outlets for delivering the quickest, most up-to-date news of the world. It is not limited by time or space, like radio, television and newspapers. Stories no longer have to be placed on a page or wait for the morning or evening news to be aired.

However, with this seemingly limitless technology comes the need for news organizations to exert more caution when prioritizing their stories. The ease of posting news on the Web must not lead to a new, trigger-happy media that disregards impact and accuracy.

As aspiring journalists, we at the *Northwest Missourian* do our best to place stories in our print and online editions based on how and how many readers are affected. It would’ve been a shock to both campus and community had we delivered a paper last week with the pop princess and her deadbeat ex above the fold, rather than the county and state election results.

In broadening our online journalistic skills, we often look to Web sites such as CNN.com and Foxnews.com for inspiration. We ask that they keep their standards high when deciding what the news is and where it should go.

—LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Brent Burkland’s column he wrote, “I was shocked to see how ignorant many people are to the issue.” Judging from the column, he is chief among them.

First, there are two forms of stem cell research. Adult Stem Cell Research doesn’t involve cloned embryos, has produced numerous medical cures, and to my knowledge has no group (or bumper stickers) opposed to it.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research destroys cloned embryos, has produced no medical benefits despite years of research, and has many people, who understand the difference, in strong opposition to it.

He also initially stated, “Stem cell research does involve the termination of an UNFERTILIZED egg.” Then two paragraphs later writes, “What stem cell research is in a nutshell is taking a FERTILIZED egg and removing the stem cells...” It wouldn’t be embryonic stem cell research if they weren’t taken from an embryo. Furthermore, he goes on to say, “then the egg dies.” How can it die if it isn’t alive?

But Pro-Choicer’s should be against this amendment as well. If anti-abortion bills without exception for the health of the mother bother you, Amendment 2 (section 7) prohibits women suing the

Fred Rols
Father and Business Owner



—COLUMN

Big Tobacco wins race for now

Victory at least tempts most people.

None, not you. Not Missouri. Some Missourians proved on Election Day they are perfectly content with sweating it out at dismal 49 in the tobacco tax race—Missouri’s 17-cent tax only behind South Carolina’s.

Missourians had the chance to finish in the middle of the race by passing Amendment 3 and raise the tax on tobacco to 97 cents—a mere 17 cents above the 80-cent U.S. median. We had the chance to fuel millions into smoking cessation programs and health care for the poor, but instead you worried about what a pack of “smokes” was going to cost.

Instead, signs hanging outside convenience stores claiming the amendment was merely 400 percent tax abuse fooled you. Yes, fooled you.

into thinking this initiative wouldn’t do what it claimed.

It’s true. The tax proposed more than a 400 percent increase. Seventeen cents times four is 68 cents. But I guess when you put it into percent it looks like a little more daunting. That’s what convenience stores and Big Tobacco wanted.

But it is 80 cents per pack to help save lives that much to ask?

Furthermore, the bill was backed by such entities as the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association. Tell me, what do they have to lose? Non-profit industries that spend each day vested in the best interest of the public it serves. On the opposing side is Big Tobacco, convenience stores and “Missourians Against Tax Abuse” that is funded by Big Tobacco.

Many of us have lost a loved one to smoking, which may have been prevented if the cost of cigarettes had been raised years ago. Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services at the University Health Center, said multiple studies have shown the direct correlation between smoking and cost—higher costs acting as a successful deterrent.

The defeat of this initiative speaks volumes in terms of the values we hold. Health officials and citizens try to do something to help you, and you meet it begrudgingly. Keeping cigarettes cheap apparently ranks above helping people quit smoking and saving lives.

My mother found out last April she has a brain aneurysm, which could burst at any instant. Doctors told her repeatedly that if she continues to smoke, the vessels leading to the aneurysm could weaken and increase the chance of rupture.

But smoking makes my mother happy. She told me over the phone one day that she would rather smoke, be content and risk a shorter life, then quit and be miserable. So day out she smokes like a chimney, and I get to worry about when her time is up.

Nationally, I hope they continue to raise the price of tobacco to the point cigarettes aren’t worth it for my mother. I hope they raise the tax enough before I have to hold her hand while she’s holding onto life in a barren hospital room somewhere.

Health providers, such as Health Education Coordinator Teri Harr at St. Francis, are attempting to find out exactly why the initiative failed. Hopefully, the measure will return to the Missouri ballot as soon as possible. Maybe then enough Missourians will lose a loved one so they approve the tax and prevent more lives from being taken.

Hopefully, the race is far from over and there’s still time for Missouri to catch up.

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Teaching takes active approach

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The art of teaching might be changing, but Northwest already has a head start.

Carolyn Roberts from the University of Gloucestershire in the United Kingdom talked to Northwest faculty about a new style of education called active teaching Monday.

The presentation gave faculty at Northwest an overview of different approaches on how to use active teaching. It also let share give examples of how they have used this approach in the classroom.

Roberts said that active teach-

ing focuses on hands on learning.

"The traditional teaching approach of standing in front of a platform and lecturing has no effect on students learning," Roberts said.

Northwest is known for its active teaching style in many classroom settings. Several teachers said they use this approach because it gives students experience.

"I get students to bring in examples of how they are learning," said Melody Hubbard assistant professor of communication theater and language.

The approach to active learning at the University of Gloucestershire was developed Kolb Learning Cycle and the Performances of

Understanding. These educators focus on helping to educate classroom practice. Experience, reflection, generalizing and testing all lead to understanding. These steps are taken when engaging in active learning.

Active learning requires students to use knowledge in new ways. Roberts said that if professors concentrate on these areas their teaching will stick with students instead of the information being put in the back of their minds.

Roberts closed her session with a quote from Confucius 450 B.C.

"Tell me and I will forget, show me and I may remember. Involve me, and I will understand."

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troops home from Iraq.

"Whatever party we come from we all have a responsibility to ensure that these troops have the resources and support they need to prevail," he told reporters last week.

He has already headed to one suggestion. Following the Democratic takeover, he announced controversial Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's resignation and nominated Texas A&M University president and former CIA director Robert Gates as his replacement.

However, on Sunday, after Democrats announced a proposal to begin withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq within four to six months, White House officials said Bush would block any timetable legislation on the grounds that a withdrawal would weaken the Iraq government.

Bush has been meeting with a bipartisan Iraq Study Group, which will release recommendations later this month on strengthening the Iraqi government and security forces, as well as a possible exit strategy.

Frucht said that, short of voting to cut war funding when they convene next year, Congressional Democrats could do little to bring

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- OFF THE FIELD

Crew gets set for playoffs

Megan Heuer
Missourian Reporter

Hanging on the wall next to the green foam finger and Bearcat paraphernalia is a sign reading "Stay positive" and scribbled below "On moving each year."

The Northwest Athletic Grounds Crew has to keep this in mind as they've moved four times in the past five years with locations including a cow shed with no electricity or water, an old grain bin and their current location at the old armory. The constant relocation began when the stadium renovations began.

"We have no place to go but to the new one," supervisor Bobby Brick said.

For the first time, they look forward to the promise of a permanent residence, near College Park, with a projected completion of Feb. 28.

What better year to make the move than a year when they were asked to be featured in the Pioneer Paint and Equipment calendar. A Pioneer salesperson suggested they enter photos to showcase Bearcat Field while visiting campus. He also suggested they enter the Sports Turf Management Association Field of the Year competition.

Because entering the competition requires photos from four consecutive years, sports field keeper Danny Smith said they have to act now because of the potential switch to synthetic turf.

When the transition occurs Smith said it would change everything. Currently, the crew is involved in building fields, painting, aeration, fertilizing and irrigation. They also oversee other projects including work at Mozingo, painting the paws on Fourth Street and upkeep on all practice and playing fields.

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Local high schools in St. Joseph, Raventown, Stanberry and Albany brought their athletic grounds keepers to learn from Brick's team. Guest speaker from ProSourceOne and Ewing Irrigation taught them field upkeep. There were more than 25 in attendance.

On Oct. 4, STMA held their monthly field day for larger schools as well. Smith said both opportunities were just a chance for others to network.

Building a network of their own, the crew is recognized by fans at the games as well.

"I like it when people visit and ask us if it is a synthetic turf field," Green said.

Brick was also recognized on a campus level as well and awarded the Outstanding Supervisor Award in 2006.

His grandfather was a groundskeeper and his father worked in a greenhouse. Brick continued a tradition and has been with the Athletic Grounds Crew for 17 years. He never misses a home game and travels regularly with the team.

"The first game the players were laying down in the grass and said they could sleep in it, it was so nice and carpet-like," Brick said.

With the play-off games starting at home, a meeting was held for everyone involved to discuss potential game-day scenarios as it inches closer to the game.

"Right now it's just hurry up and wait," Smith said.

The crew covered the field with the growth tarp after Homecoming to get it in the best condition as possible, and Smith said it is all weather dependent with snow possibly in the forecast and upkeep on all practice and playing fields.

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- NW FOOTBALL



The Northwest football team celebrates after a 55-9 victory over Southwest Baptist University Saturday.

Team gets week off

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

There was never any doubt that 11-0 Northwest Missouri State would remain the No. 1 seed in the Southwest region.

As commentators opened the selection show on ESPN News Sunday, some players were shaking heads and uttering low groans.

The shaking heads came as defending champion Grand Valley State was announced first on the No. 1 seed in the Northwest region.

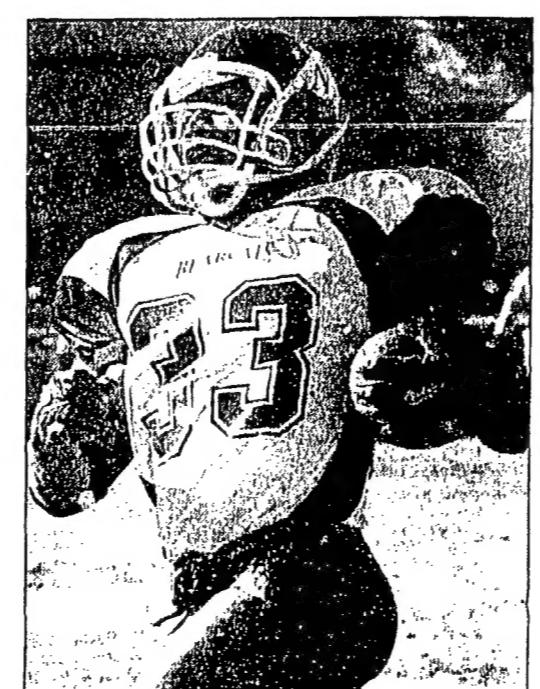
Despite Northwest finishing 11-0 and winning the MIAA championship, the memory of last seasons 21-17 loss in the title game remains with the team.

"I'm sure everyone felt sick to their stomach when they showed the defending champ Grand Valley State," Northwest defensive end Ryan Waters said.

At the end of the selection show, Grand Valley State was picked to repeat as champions, once again over Northwest.

Northwest coach Mel Tjerdtsma said the team can't afford to look ahead in the playoffs.

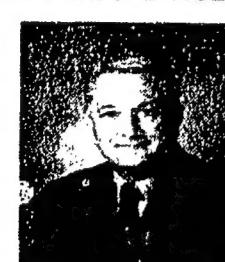
"I'm sure our team would like to be in that position again," Tjerdtsma said. "There's no margin for error. If you mess up, you're done, and they realize that."



Running back Sheldon Cook races towards the end zone against Southwest Baptist Saturday.

we know is a good football team. We'll prepare for both of them this week and we'll find out next Saturday and go from there."

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Amber Ryan, a 6-0 middle hitter from Esko, Minn. High School, was a four-year letterwinner in volleyball. Ryan attends the same high school Tool graduated from in 1995. Sara Falcone also a 6-0 middle hitter, was also signed by Tool this week. Falcone, a senior at Gross Catholic

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-MHS WRESTLING

Young 'Hounds aiming high

Sam Robinson
Missourian Reporter

After a strong showing at the 2006 state tournament, the Maryville Spoofhounds' wrestling team is eager to return to the mat.

The 'Hounds finished 14th at the Class 1 Missouri State Championships and return two of their four competitors from that event.

Aside from those wrestlers, however, Maryville is in the process of a youth movement.

"We're going to be pretty young," coach Joe Drake said. "We only have one senior and I think we have four juniors, so we're going to be very, very young in our starting lineup, but we've got a good group of freshmen and we're expecting big things from them."

While being extremely young, junior Dakota Merrill believes the freshmen class will be an improvement from some of the other young wrestlers he's seen during his tenure.

"A lot of our younger wrestlers have a lot more experience than our wrestlers last year," Merrill said. "We had a lot of wrestlers last year that (last season) was their first time. A lot of our guys this year, they've wrestled for years past."

The 'Hounds have their work cut out for them in replacing four-time all-state performer Cody Gillessen, who will don the purple and white of Northwest rival Truman State this winter.

Stepping in to replace Gillessen's point production this season are returning lettermen Merrill, senior Cliff Robertson and junior Tanner Archer.

Robertson placed fifth at the state tournament at 160 pounds last season and according to Drake, will stay at 160 or move up to wrestle at 171 this season. Archer, a receiver and former all-conference defensive back on the football team, placed fourth at districts and qualified for state last year at 140 pounds.

Drake feels the tournament is a good measure of who the team will be in February's state tournament as most of the schools there are from Class 1 with no MEC schools competing.

"It's proven to be a very strong, great testing tournament for Class 1 in the past," Drake said. "It's good to have had some exposure to them to know if we've been successful or what we need to change so we can be successful. It's a good barometer for us early in the season."

the club.

Kuwitzky said 11 players are in the mix for varsity playing time.

This creates competition for starting spots, which excites the coaching staff.

"We have more depth this year," Kuwitzky said. "It's too early to single anyone out right now, because we have shifted so many people around. It's just wide open."

Although the 'Hounds feature 17 non-seniors, Kuwitzky said this team is experienced. Most of the underclassmen received playing time last year, which helps in the MEC.

Juniors Andy Walter and Klay Talmadge have varsity experience, while Tyler Ogleby and Adam Matison look to provide physical play from the inside.

"We are better in every area this year," Kuwitzky said. "We are bigger, stronger and faster. We also have more experience, but we are still a rebuilding program."

Some of that experience came during summer basketball camps. Maryville had good showings at team camps, which helped build team chemistry, according to Kuwitzky.

"We had a good summer," Kuwitzky said. "We played a lot and will be a lot as a mini-season. We developed some chemistry and we really worked well with each other."

The 'Hounds road to success may prove difficult against the Midland Empire Conference. Five teams won opening round district games last year and two teams reached the state tournament.

Cameron finished third in the tournament, while Smithville was ousted in the first round.

Kuwitzky said the conference should be as good as last year.

"In my opinion, this is the toughest conference in the state," Kuwitzky said. "Every year we have teams in the state tournament. Smithville should be favored, but Cameron is always tough. I could go on about every team, but every game will be tough."

The 'Hounds open the season against Auburn at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 1, in Maryville.

"Knock on wood, but we're healthy right now," Kuwitzky said. "We gave our guys some rest and now we're focused and working hard."

New players are not the only people joining Maryville's team this year. Ryan Tool is the new assistant coach and he came from Chesapeake, Va., where he counseled. Tool did not coach, but has coached and played basketball at the college level.

"I got to know the kids really well in the summer," Tool said. "Hopefully I will be a good presence and be able to relay information to the coach that he may not see."

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-MHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

New coach brings new team attitude

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Two new coach and new players have created a new outlook within the Maryville High School girls basketball team this season.

Grant Hageman takes over the head coaching reins after spending two years as an assistant with the program under Adam Willard.

"I know the girls and we're getting along real good right now," Hageman said. "The rapport is good."

The thoughts from Hageman

were also mirrored from the team leadership.

"There's not a bad attitude on this team and we all mesh real well on the court," senior Megan Watkins said.

The 'Hounds will need those numbers to make it through its schedule. Smithville, a member of the Midland Empire Conference along with Maryville, made it to quarterfinals of last year's Class 3 tournament. Another MEC member, Benton, was district champion and ranked as high as No. 1 during the 2005-06 season in Class 4.

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large number of newcomers take the floor this season, and Guess wishes some of those girls had stepped on the court earlier.

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"We have to conquer the plays and perfect them a lot and probably learn some new plays," Watkins said on the start of the season. "We're still a little way away."

Maryville is scheduled to open its season on at 5 p.m. Nov. 28 at Mid-Buchanan. The home-opener will be Dec. 7 against LeBlond. Both games will feature freshman, junior varsity and varsity contests.

-NW FOOTBALL

20 named to all-conference teams

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

For a team that doesn't like to dwell too much on individual accolades, the Northwest football team sure does receive a lot of them.

A total of 20 Bearcats players earned all-conference status Tuesday when the Mid-Intercollegiate Athletic Association released their first, second and honorable mention teams.

"That's always been my feeling is that the teams that worry about the team end up being rewarded and that's been true here," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdema said. "We've always had a lot of people make all-conference and all-district and all-region and all-Americans, a ton of those and we never talk about it. We recognize those guys and we're really happy for them. But that's not the emphasis, the emphasis is on the team and I think other coaches recognize it."

Along with the 20 members, the highlight for Northwest was that Tjeerdema received the MIAA Coach of the Year Award for the eighth time.

"I think to me it says so much about our staff and I really feel like this staff has probably been closer as any staff we've ever had," Tjeerdema said. "It's

been fun every day, from practice to the meetings to everything. Everybody's really working together."

Along with the conference award, Tjeerdema currently sits second in the fan voting for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award. Tjeerdema is one of 10 finalists for the award—and just one of two Division II coaches—which will be announced Dec. 16.

Nine were named to the first team, the most for Northwest since 2004. On the second team, five were selected, while six made honorable mention.

Along with the all-conference teams announced, Diezeas Calbert, who was named first team all-conference as a defensive back, earned Special Teams Player of the Week.

Calbert, who also plays cornerback, blocked two kicks, recovered a muffed punt and had four special team tackles against Southwest Baptist Saturday.

All-MIAA Selections

First Team

Offense-Running back, Xavier Omon; Wide receiver, Kendall Wright; Tight end, Mike Petersen; Linebacker, Reid Kirby.

Defense-Linebacker Ben Harness and Thomas Smith; Defensive tackle, Kyle Kaiser; Defensive end, Ryan Waters; Cornerback, Diezeas Calbert.

Second Team

Offense-Quarterback, Josh Mathews; Offensive line, Joe Holtzclaw.

Defense-Linebacker Ben Ersperman; Defensive line, Dallas Flynn; Cornerback, Brandon Clayton.

Honorable Mention-Wide receiver, Raphael Robinson; Offensive line, Cabe Frank and Tom Pestock; Defensive line, Terry Bilbo; Safety, Myles Burnsides and Tyler Martin.

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